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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1469–1478, and S. Res. 202–203.

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Measures Reported:

S. 610, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–113)

S. 1404, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–114)

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Measures Passed:

Federal Annuity Computations: Senate passed S. 481, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments.

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Relative to the Death of Former Senator Vance Hartke: Senate passed S. Res. 203, relative to the death of Vance Hartke, former United States Senator for the State of Indiana. Page \$10076

Energy Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S9993–S10012, S10027–31

Pending:

Campbell Amendment No. 886, to replace "tribal consortia" with "tribal energy resource development organizations". Page S9993

Durbin Amendment No. 1384, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency. Page S9993

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 1385, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for enhancing motor vehicle fuel efficiency.

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Bond Modified Amendment No. 1386, to impose additional requirements for improving automobile fuel economy and reducing vehicle emissions.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 29, 2003. Page \$10076

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A seventh motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

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Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:15 a.m., on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination to occur at 12:15 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 307), Earl Leroy Yeakel III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Kathleen Cardone, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—307) Pages \$10026-27

Recess: Senate met at 11 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Vance Hartke, former United States Senator from the State of Indiana, in accordance with S. Res. 203, recessed at 7:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 29, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$10077.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OLDER AMERICANS AND DEPRESSION

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine mental health treatments for

older Americans with depression, focusing on ways to enhance mental health, vitality, and meaningful existence for our rapidly aging and changing population, after receiving testimony from Jane L. Pearson, Associate Director for Preventive Interventions, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Donna Cohen, University of South Florida Louis De La Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, Tampa; Ira R. Katz, Philadelphia VA Medical Center, and Hikmah Gardiner, Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Diana Waugh, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, San Diego, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The house was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 259, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Peter J. Schoomaker (Ret.), USA, for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Army and appointment to the grade of general; and Lieutenant General Bryan D. Brown, USA, for appointment as Commander, United States Special Operations Command and appointment to the grade of general, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine consumer awareness and understanding of the credit granting process, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Energy's Office of Science in supporting research in physical sciences, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine climate history and its implications, and the science underlying fate, transport and health effects of mercury emissions, 9 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine the status and prospects for reconstruction resources relating to Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, to be General Counsel, and Penrose C. Albright, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Homeland Security; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Joel David Kaplan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Larry Alan Burns, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Glen E. Conrad, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Henry F. Floyd, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Kim R. Gibson,

to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael W. Mosman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Dana Makoto Sabraw, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine the LI visa and American interests in the 21st century global economy, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Army policies on the award of the Combat Medical Badge, and on pending legislation relating to VA-provided health care services including the following: S. 613, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado, S. 615, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Horsham, Pennsylvania, as the "Victor J. Saracini Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic", S. 1144, to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", S. 1156, to amend title 38, United States Code, to im-

prove and enhance the provision of long-term health care for veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, S. 1283, to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 1289, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone, 3 p.m., SR—418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine a current law trust fund exhaustion scenario if no action is taken to strengthen Social Security, focusing on the GAO report analyzing the "do nothing" scenario with the analytical framework previously used to evaluate the models developed by the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security, 10 a.m., SD–628.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 14, Energy Policy Act.

At 11:15 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination to occur at 12:15 p.m.; following which, Senate will recess for their respective party conferences.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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